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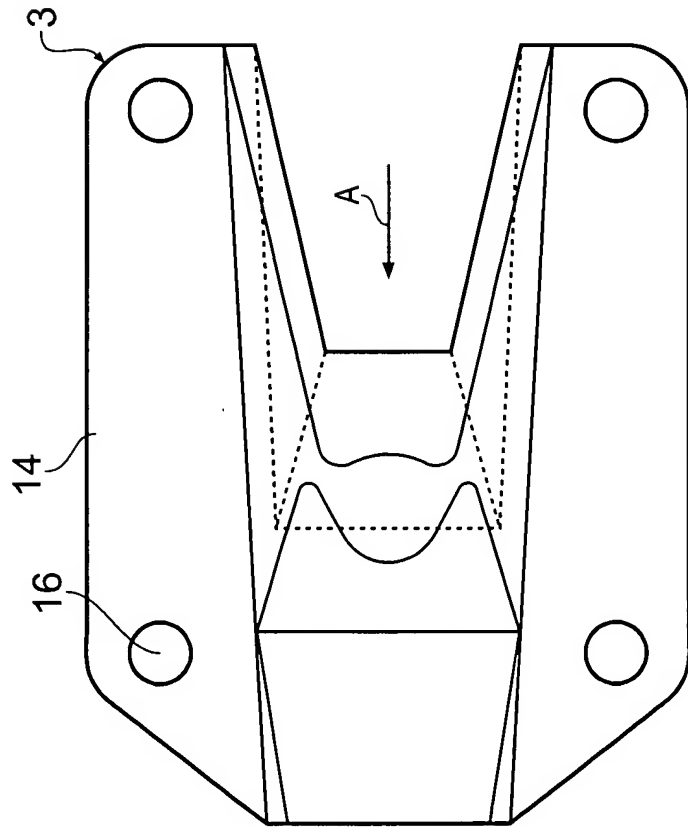


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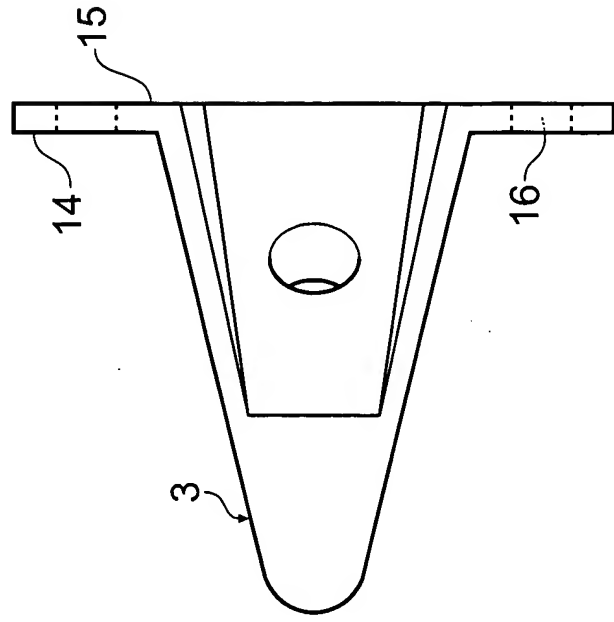


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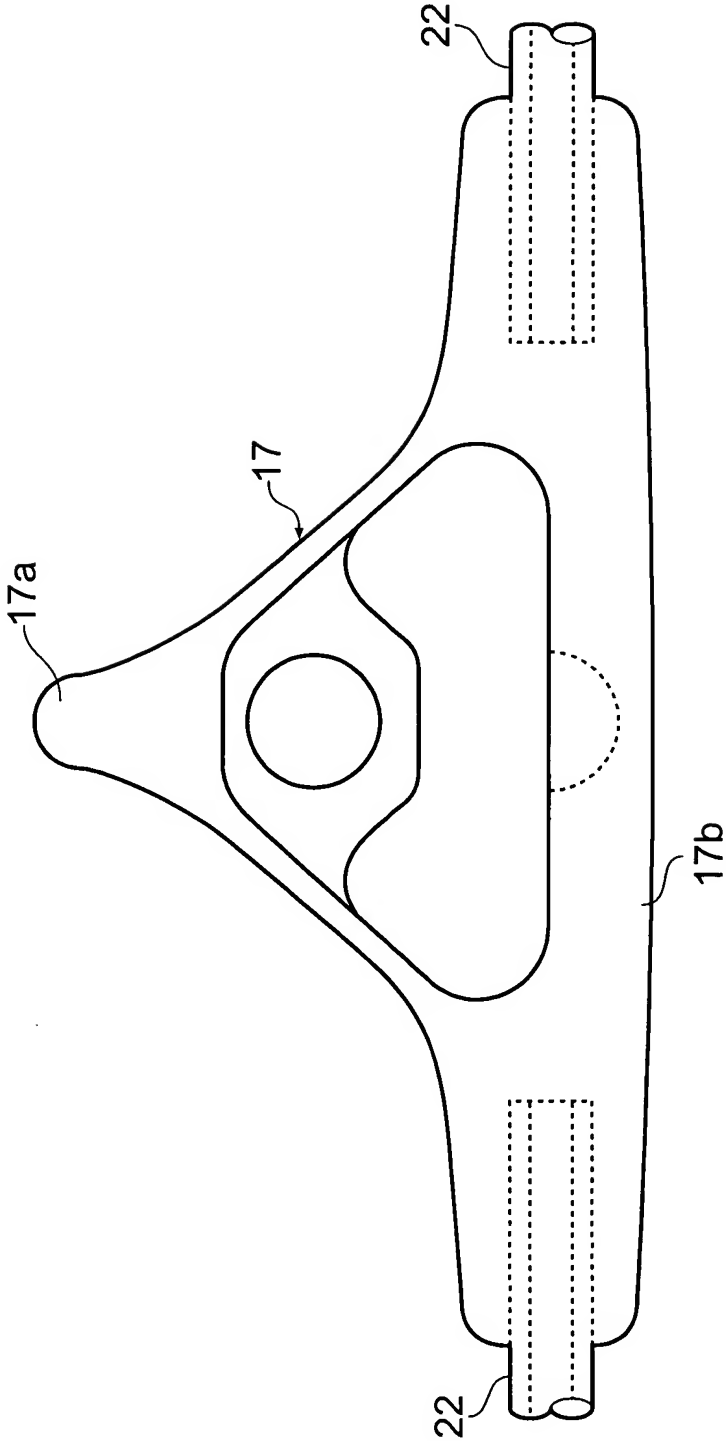


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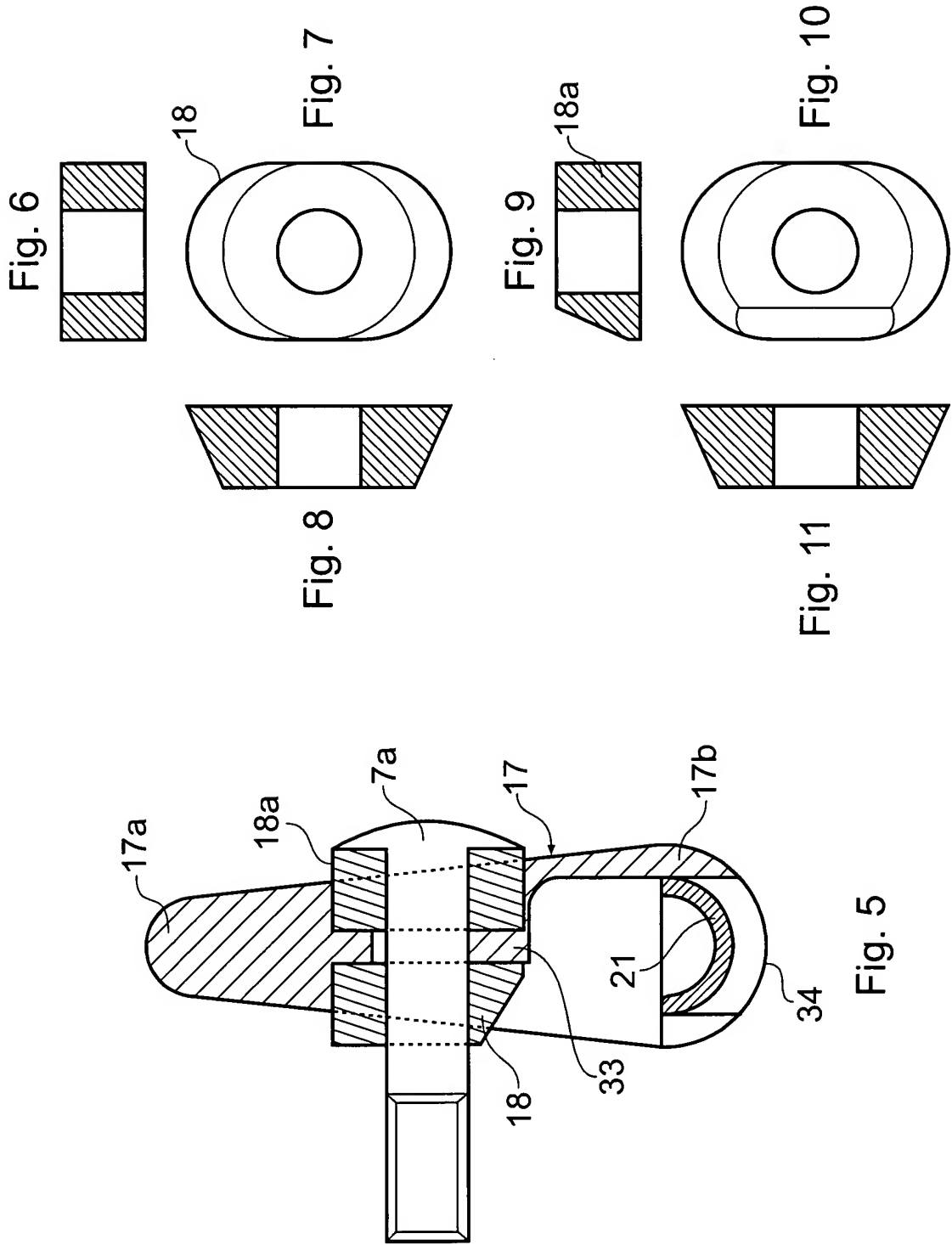


Diagram of a tapered optical fiber 100. The fiber has a core 101 and a cladding 102. The core has a diameter 22 at the input end and tapers to a diameter 22a at the output end. The taper angle is labeled  $\alpha^\circ$ .

Fig. 13

